कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश और महाराष्ट्र राज्य सरकारों से सूचना मांगी गई है और उसके प्राप्त होते ही सभा पटल पर रखी दी जाएगी।

Child Labour in Hazardous Industries

216. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified such hazardous industries in the country in which Child Labour have been engaged;

(b) if so, state-wise details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government under the law?

THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Employment of children below 14 years of age is prohibited in seven occupations and eighteen processes listed in Parts A & B of the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986. The Act extends to the whole of India.

(c) A part from enforcing the various provisions made under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, there are protective provsions in various labour laws as well, such as the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, the Motor Transport (Workers) Act, 1961 etc. The approach of the Government is to implement all the child-related provisions of the laws in a harmonious fashion. Enforcement machinery at the Central and State level exists to enforce the provisions of these Acts. Employers are liable to be prosecuted for violations of the provisions of the Acts.

Funds Earmarked to Super Bazar for PDS in Eighth Plan

217. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds provided by Government for Super Bazar for the Public Distribution System during the Eighth Five Year Plan are inadequate to meet the growing needs;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) the allocation made to different departments particularly for furniture, textiles and grocery under Super Bazar;

(d) the year-wise details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) No funds are earmarked by Govt. of India for Super Bazar, Delhi for the Public Distribution System during the Eighth Plan. However, Govt. of India provide financial assistance to the Super Bazar, Delhi for modernisation, renovation and expansion.

(b) The budget outlay approved for the Super Bazar, Delhi for the Eighth Plan for the prupose as stated at (a) above was Rs. 2.0 crores only.

(c) It has been reported by the Super Bazar, Delhi that no department-wise allocation of funds are made by them.

(d) and (c) Do no arise.

Increase in price of Cement

218. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been unprecedented rise in price of cement during the last three years as compared to the prevailing price at present;

(b) whether Government have made any efforts to bring down the price to the level of 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. There has been no abnormal increase in the price of cement during the last three years. During 1993-94, the price did